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the Madura and Tanjore districts has been tried as stated by his predecessor in office in the discussion on the separation of Executive and Judicial functions in the Council on the 14th September 1922; and, if so, with what results?

A.—No. The experiment has been postponed pending consideration of the proposals of the Committee on the separation of functions.

Police.

Police stations and Police force in municipal and non-municipal areas.

271 *Q.*—Mr. M. RATNASWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) the number of members of the Police force in municipal and in non-municipal areas respectively;

(2) the number of police stations in municipal and in non-municipal areas respectively; and

(3) the average distance between police stations in non-municipal areas?

A.—A statement is attached :—

	In municipal areas.	In non-municipal areas.
(1) Strength of the Station staff, i.e., sub-inspectors, sergeants, head constables and constables	6,656	17,529
(2) Number of police stations ...	132	884

(3) The average distance between police stations in non-municipal areas is 14 miles.

Recruitment of sub-inspectors of police.

272 *Q.*—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why in the recent recruitment of sub-inspectors of police the usual district committees composed of officials and non-officials were not set up?

A.—The recruitment of sub-inspectors was postponed for some time pending a consideration of the report of the Police Committee. When it was found that the recruitment of a limited number was unavoidable it would have been too late to go through the ordinary procedure of constituting selection committees in each district, and a departure from the rule was permitted, as a special case, in order to save delay. All the candidates were however inspected and classified by Deputy Inspectors-General in order to secure uniformity of standard.

Expenditure for the Secret Service Fund in 1923.

273 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money spent on account of the Secret Service Fund in 1923;

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(b) the objects for which the money was spent;

(c) whether any vouchers are ever obtained for expenditure under this head; and

(d) whether any responsible officer supervises or checks the expenditure under this head?

A.—There is no Secret Service Fund in this Presidency. For police expenditure the details of which are required to be kept secret an allotment is made in the budget under 'Special rewards'. Suitable arrangements are made for the audit and control of expenditure from this allotment, but the Government are naturally not prepared to disclose the objects for which it is used.

Special Inspector of Police on Khilafat duty.

274 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a special Inspector of Police posted on Khilafat duty;

(b) the duties of that office; and

(c) the reasons for the existence of this special office?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) The points do not arise.

Police arrangements for the Cocanada Congress.

275 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of money spent on police arrangements, including the Criminal Intelligence Department, for the Cocanada Congress; and

(b) the duties discharged by the various police officers deputed to do duty there?

A.—(a) An amount of Rs. 6,000 was sanctioned by Government for Police work in connexion with the Indian National Congress, the Khilafat and other conferences held at Cocanada. They have no information how much of this was actually spent.

(b) The Government have no information as to the duties performed by each Police officer.

Selection of Muhammadan candidates for the post of Sub-Inspectors of Police.

276 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that all the six Muhammadan candidates who appeared from the Anantapur district for the selection of sub-inspectors of Police were rejected and if so, the reasons for this rejection?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for information, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Yes, but I must say this. I do not undertake, while calling for the information, to publish the results of any researches that might be necessary."